Statement

Statewise break up for NRI Investment & Technology Collaboration approval by (FIPB) during April 2004 to Feb. 2005.

(Amount in Rupees crore)

S.No.	State	No. of approvals			Amount
		Total	Technical	Financial	Approved
1.	Maharashtra	12	0	12	471.59
2.	Karnataka	8	0	8	463.04
3.	Punjab	3	0	3	49.70
4.	Tamil Nadu	8	0	8	23.86
5.	Delhi	4	0	4	22.94
6.	Gujarat	2	0	2	20.90
7.	Andhra Pradesh	6	0	6	9.99
8.	State Not Indicated	1	0	1	4.50
9.	Kerala	1	0	1	1.75
10.	Assam	1	0	1	0.40
11.	Uttar Pradesh	1	0	1	0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	47	0	47	1068.66

Database on Poverty and Unemployment

*415. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have no database on poverty and unemployment for the period from 2000;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) in the absence of authentic and variable data on such key areas, in what way projection for various social and infrastructure development are made and implemented; and

(d) in what manner a dependable database on poverty, unemployment, housing, etc. is proposed to be created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) the incidences of poverty and unemployment are estimated by the Planning commission on the basis of data collected in quinquennial surveys of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) on household consumer expenditure and employment and unemployment. The last such survey was conducted during July 1999 to June 2000, and the results were used for the estimation of poverty at the state and national levels.

(c) and (d) Projections for various social and infrastructure development are made and implemented by the respective Ministries/ Departments based on datasets collected and maintained by them on several relevant indicators. These datasets are available from various sources including censuses, sample surveys and administrative records.

Constitution of an Expert Group by TRAI

*416. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulator Authority of India (TRAI) has constituted an Expert Group to explore the possibility of setting up an exchange to resolve interconnection issued between different operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether broader issues relating to telecommunications will also be addressed by this expert group;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of india (TRAI) has constituted an Expert group on Inter-exchange-cum-inter-carrier Billing Clearing House for multi-operator, Multi-service scenario. The Group is to consider all aspects and issues connected with realization of interconnection of various networks catering to various services, size of present and future networks, spread of networks etc. and to give its recommendation whether an interconnect exchange-cum-inter-carrier billing system is required for routing of international traffic in multi operator and multi-service scenario in the country. The Expert Group may give its recommendations keeping in view the existing regulations, licensing conditions witin 90 days.